

Matrix of Missouri Resources Providing Services to Persons Who Are Visually Impaired/Blind

Resource	Services Ages:			
	0-2	3-5	5-21	21+
AlphaPointe Association for the Blind (816) 421-5848 www.alphapointe.org <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Offers rehabilitation services, including assessment, adjustment to blindness counseling, instruction in daily living skills, occupational therapy, orientation and mobility skills, academics, technology, vocational skills and job exploration. - Services also available to consumers who are deafblind. - Offers employment in manufacturing of plastic pharmaceutical bottles and writing instruments as well as services to persons with additional severe disabilities in their work adjustment center. 			X	X
Blindness Skills Specialists <u>Heart Of Missouri</u> (573) 882-0859 or (800) 314-2753 http://heartofmissourirpdc.org/ Offers professional development, mentoring, demonstration of teaching strategies, agency referrals, coordination of educational programs, acts as a liaison for families and educators, and provides resource information. <u>Northeast Region</u> (660)785-422 http://rpdc.truman.edu/ Offers professional development, mentoring, demonstration of teaching strategies, agency referrals, coordination of educational programs, acts as a liaison for families and educators, and provides resource information. <u>Southeast Region</u> (573) 651-5161 or (800) 401-6680 http://www4.semo.edu/rpdc Offers support services for SE MO school districts through professional development, awareness sessions, and demonstration of teaching techniques and instructional strategies, and dissemination of information. <u>Southwest Region</u> (417) 829-5053 or (800) 735-3702 www.education.missouristate.edu/rpdc Offers professional development, mentoring, demonstration of teaching strategies, agency referrals, coordination of educational programs, acts as a liaison for families and educators, and provide resource information.		X	X	
Children's Center for the Visually Impaired (816) 841-2284 www.ccvl.org <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Serves children who have disabilities (infant thru kindergarten) providing classroom instruction, therapy services and Braille. - School Age services provided through Itinerant/Consult Program 	X	X	X	
Delta Gamma Center for Children with Visual Impairments (314) 776-1300 www.dgckids.org <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Offers early intervention services for children birth to age three, including assessment, educational and therapy services. - Offers parent/child classes. 	X	X	X	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Offers family support services, family retreat weekend, parent-to-parent matching and support, special services for extended family members, meetings for school-aged children, toy loan program and lending library. 				
First Steps (573) 522-8762 http://dese.mo.gov/divspeced/FirstSteps/ Missouri's early intervention program for children with disabilities birth to age three. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Offers therapy services, special instruction, assistive technology and other supportive services outlined in IDEA. - Services intended to support the child and family in home environments and the community. 	X			
Local Education Agency (LEA) is the local school district responsible for providing free appropriate public education. Go to http://dese.mo.gov/directory/ for a listing of Missouri School Districts.		X	X	
Light House for the Blind (314) 423-4333 www.lhbindustries.com <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Employer of legally blind individuals since 1933. - Offers summer employment to students that are blind. - Provides a number of financial support programs, "See the Future" to purchase computer equipment and funding for summer camps and activities for blind students. 		X	X	X
Midwestern Braille Volunteers (314) 966-5828 www.mbv.org <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provides transcribing services (textbooks) for blind students. - Provides transcription services for businesses, churches and community organizations. 			X	X
Missouri Assistive Technology Project (MoAT) (816) 373-5193 www.at.mo.gov Offers a variety of assistive technology programs and services.	X	X	X	X
Missouri Council of the Blind (MCB) (800) 342-5632 http://www.missouricounciloftheblind.org/ Offers information regarding scholarships, summer camps, special services program, adaptive technology information, health benefits, employment and legislative issues, and public awareness programs.	X	X	X	X
Missouri School for the Blind (314) 776-4320 http://msb.dese.mo.gov/ Serves students in a traditional K-12 program providing instruction in core curriculum and expanded core curriculum programming.			X	
The Outreach Services Division of Missouri School for the Blind offers a variety of free services statewide including information and materials dissemination, family training and support, and assessment and technical assistance to education teams serving students who are visually impaired, blind and deafblind including those with additional disabilities.	X	X	X	X
Missouri State University (417) 836-5000 www.missouristate.edu/ Provides training programs leading to certification for individuals seeking VI/O&M certification.				

National Federation of the Blind of Missouri (NFB) (573) 874-1774 www.nfbmo.org Offers scholarships and summer programs, publications and training opportunities.				
Rehabilitation Services for the Blind (RSB) (800) 592-6004 (573) 751-4249 (Central Office) www.dss.mo.gov/fsd/rsb/index.htm RSB is the point of contact for the Center for Braille and Narration Production. - Provides advocacy, referrals, parent education and recommendations for services to legally blind individuals in Missouri, including assistance and support for educational and employment opportunities. - Assists students and parents in developing transition programs at age 14.	X	X	X	X
St. Louis Society for the Blind (314) 968-9000 www.slsbvi.org St Louis for the Blind and Visually Impaired provides the full range of vision rehabilitation and education services to children and adults. Although the majority of individuals served are experiencing age-related vision loss, programs and services are offered to students attending public schools through contractual agreements with local special education entities. Other services are provided to individuals of all ages.	X	X	X	X
Wolfner Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped (800) 392-2614 www.sos.mo.gov/wolfner - Provides talking tapes, Braille materials and other materials for registered members. - Serves students and adults with 20/200 vision or less in the better eye. - Serves students and adults who are unable to use standard print. - Serves students and adults who are classified with reading disabilities.		X	X	X